

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.  
There was no objection.

## § 8. Resignations From Delegations and Commissions

### § 8.1 A Member's letter of resignation as a delegate to an international conference is laid before the House.

On Jan. 3, 1961,<sup>(1)</sup> Speaker Sam Rayburn, of Texas, laid before the House two letters of resignation of Members as delegates to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference:

NOVEMBER 14, 1960.

The SPEAKER,  
*House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

SIR: Because of the extreme press of business at the present time it is impossible for me to attend the NATO Parliamentarians Conference to be held in Paris this week. Therefore, I hereby submit my resignation from the House contingent.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you my gratitude for your confidence in me in appointing me. If I may be of service to you in any way I am yours to command.

Most cordially yours,  
MERWIN COAD,  
*Representative in Congress.*

1. 107 CONG. REC. 26, 87th Cong. 1st Sess.

### RESIGNATION AS A DELEGATE TO THE NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication, which was read:

NOVEMBER 14, 1960.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I sincerely regret that I must tender my resignation as a delegate to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference for the year 1960.

I appreciate very much your having appointed me.

Very truly yours,  
ROBERT J. CORBETT,  
*Member of Congress.*

The Speaker then announced to the House that pursuant to an order of the House authorizing him to accept resignations and make certain appointments, he had appointed two Members to replace the two Members who had resigned.

### *Resignations from Commissions*

### § 8.2 The Chair laid before the House a communication from a Member resigning from the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards.

On Sept. 20, 2006,<sup>(1)</sup> the Speaker pro tempore<sup>(2)</sup> laid before the House the following communication:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, September 19, 2006.*

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the House as Chair of the Franking Commission. I am grateful to Chairman Ehlers for the opportunity I have had to serve in this position.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the majority and minority staff of the Franking Commission, as we have worked together to ensure the standards of the Commission have been met. In particular, I would like to commend Jack Dail and Rich Landon for unending dedication to the commission. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I am removing myself from the Franking Commission effective today.

Sincerely,

BOB NEY,  
*Member of Congress.*

### § 8.3 The Chair laid before the House the resignation of a

1. 152 CONG. REC. 18788, 109th Cong. 2d Sess.

*Parliamentarian's Note:* Because his appointment to the Franking Commission did not require House approval, neither did his resignation. Rep. Vernon J. Ehlers (MI) was appointed to fill this vacancy on the Commission. See *Id.* at p. 18832.

2. Michael K. Simpson (ID).

### Member (the former Majority Leader) from the House Office Building Commission.<sup>(1)</sup>

Pursuant to statute (2 USC § 2001), as well as “recess appointment” authority granted by unanimous consent on Dec. 18, 2005, the Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the (new) Majority Leader to fill a vacancy on the House Office Building Commission.

On Mar. 9, 2006,<sup>(2)</sup> the following occurred:

### RESIGNATION OF MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore<sup>(3)</sup> laid before the House the following communication from the Hon. TOM DELAY, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, February 13, 2006.*  
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, I hereby resign my position as a member of the House Office Building Commission effective immediately.

Sincerely,

TOM DELAY,  
*Member of Congress.*

1. Before title 40 was codified as positive law in 2002, the statute appeared at 40 USC § 175.
2. 152 CONG. REC. 3172, 109th Cong. 2d Sess.
3. John Campbell (CA).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2001, and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Chair announces that on February 13, 2006, the Speaker appointed the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) to the House Office Building Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

**§ 8.4 The Speaker may be authorized by unanimous consent to accept resignations notwithstanding an adjournment *sine die*.**

On Oct. 14, 1968,<sup>(1)</sup> Speaker John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, was authorized to accept resignations (and appoint commissions, boards, and committees), notwithstanding adjournment of the second session of the 90th Congress *sine die*.

Mr. [Carl] ALBERT [of Oklahoma]. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the 2d session of the 90th Congress, the Speaker be authorized to accept resignations, and appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

On Dec. 15, 1967,<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Albert asked for unanimous consent that,

1. 114 CONG. REC. 31313, 90th Cong. 2d Sess.
2. 113 CONG. REC. 37190, 90th Cong. 1st Sess.

notwithstanding the adjournment of the first session of the 90th Congress, Speaker McCormack be authorized to accept resignations (and to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House). There was no objection and it was so ordered.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the first session of the 90th Congress, the Speaker be authorized to accept resignations, and appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

On Oct. 22, 1965,<sup>(3)</sup> Speaker McCormack was authorized to accept resignations and to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law, notwithstanding adjournment *sine die*.

Mr. [Hale] BOGGS [of Louisiana]. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the 1st session of the 89th Congress, the Speaker be authorized to accept resignations, and to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

3. 111 CONG. REC. 28563, 89th Cong. 1st Sess.

**§ 8.5 The Speaker was authorized by unanimous consent to accept resignations notwithstanding an adjournment to a day certain.**

On Oct. 13, 1970,<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, asked for unanimous consent that, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Nov. 16, 1970, the Speaker be authorized to accept resignations and to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House. Speaker John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, asked if there was any objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma and there was none.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until November 16, 1970, the Speaker be authorized to accept resignations and to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

***Informing House of Resignations During Adjournment***

**§ 8.6 The Speaker and party leaders may be authorized by**

1. 116 CONG. REC. 36600, 91st Cong. 2d Sess.

**unanimous consent to accept resignations from commissions, boards, and committees, as authorized by law or by the House, for a stated period.**

On Jan. 8, 2003,<sup>(1)</sup> the House by unanimous consent authorized Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois, Majority Leader Tom DeLay, of Texas, and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, of California, to accept resignations and make appointments to commissions, boards, and committees during the first session, as authorized by law or by the House.

Ms. [Deborah] PRYCE [of Ohio]. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the first session of the 108th Congress, the Speaker and majority leader and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore.<sup>(2)</sup> Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

1. 149 CONG. REC. 239, 108th Cong. 1st Sess.
2. Dennis R. Rehberg (MT).